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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE

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ALSO FOR USMTN GENEVA AND MEXICO CITY FOR STEPHEN LANDE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MTN

REF: A) MANILA 13188, B) STATE 198956

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1. ENVISAGE MTN AGENDA ITEM ON CONSULTATIONS TO BE GENERAL.  
SIDE TALKS ON MTN WILL BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND TAKE MORE  
TIME THAN AGENDA TOPIC ALLOWS.

2. SIDE TALKS ARE NOT TO INVOLVE BARGAINING. INSTEAD THE  
US HAS JUST COMPLETED A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ITS POLICY

RELATING TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MTN, FOCUSING ON POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED MARKET ACCESS FOR PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LDCS AND THE NECESSITY FOR LDC CONCESSIONS IN THE MTN. THE SIDE TALKS IN MANILA ARE VIEWED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, A "WE HAVE JUST DONE WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS.

3. SIDE TALKS CAN TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS, DURING TIMES WHEN TRADE ISSUES ARE NOT BEING DISCUSSED. US WILLING TO HOLD TALKS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A GROUP, DEPENDING ON DESIRE OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

4. SENIOR STR AND STATE OFFICIALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO REVIEW WITH ASEAN TRADE OFFICIALS THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MTN AND WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN THE MTN. SINCE THE SUCCESS OF THESE SIDE TALKS WILL DEPEND ON THE INCLUSION OF TRADE OFFICIALS IN THE ASEAN DELEGATIONS, AN EARLY APPROACH IS NECESSARY. THEREFORE, ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED APPROACH THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO SOLICIT THEIR REACTION TO PROPOSAL. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF APPROACH ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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